

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 2, 2008, applicants request entry of this amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application.

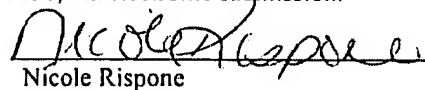
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